



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4132

A bill to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 24, 2000

SUMMARY

H.R. 4132 would reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act through 2005. Under that act, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) provides grants for research and education to research and technology institutes located in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$76 million over the 2001-2005 period for the USGS to continue those grant programs.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4132 would cost \$72 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4132 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated and that outlays will follow the historical spending patterns for these grant programs. The estimated impact of H.R. 4132 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	5	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	4	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	12	14	14	18	18
Estimated Outlays	0	10	13	14	17	18
Spending Under H.R. 4132						
Authorization Level ^a	5	12	14	14	18	18
Estimated Outlays	4	11	13	14	17	18

a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year for USGS grants under the Water Resources Research Act.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4132 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On April 27, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2297, a bill to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on April 13, 2000. The bills are nearly identical, and the cost estimates are the same.

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